

WINTER **Commencement** 1998

MISSOURI SOUTHERN STATE COLLEGE



Commencement

10 A.M. Saturday, December 19, 1998

Music	Missouri Southern Commencement Ensemble
Processional: "Pomp and Circumstance"	Elgar
Invocation	Reverend T. O. Spicer Director of Missions, Spring River Baptist Association
Welcome and Introductions	Julio S. León President Missouri Southern State College
Address	J. Larry Martin Dean, School of Arts & Sciences
Presentation of Class	Erik J. Bitterbaum
Conferring of Degrees	Julio S. León
Presentation of Diplomas	Erik J. Bitterbaum
Remarks	Chad D. Stebbins President, Faculty Senate
Announcement of Academic Honors	Erik J. Bitterbaum
Benediction	Reverend T. O. Spicer
Recessional	Missouri Southern Commencement Ensemble

(Please remain seated until recessional is completed.)



About the Speaker

Honored in 1980 with the first Outstanding Teacher award, J. Larry Martin continues to be one of the most respected faculty members at Missouri Southern. He serves now as Dean of Arts and Sciences, but continues to teach a class each semester, preparing new teachers of mathematics for their career in that challenging discipline. Dr. Martin joined the mathematics department in 1965 and was appointed head of the department in 1973. He assumed the Dean's post in July 1995. He has served on an array of administrative committees over the years and still found time to publish a myriad of journal articles. Two years ago he took on the formidable task of co-chairing the preparation of the self-study for the successful reaccreditation from the North Central Accrediting Association.

Dr. Martin holds bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Tulsa and a doctorate from the University of Georgia.

Candidates for Honors & Degrees

Baccalaureate Degrees

Summa Cum Laude

Grade point average 3.90 or above

Bard, Stacey L.
Barrett, Ryan Thomas
Cummins, Jim R. *

Eldred, Leesa Jean *
Elrod, Jennifer A.
Hill, Noelle F.

Muncy, Lesha D.
Ward, Amanda D.

Magna Cum Laude

Grade point average 3.80 to 3.89

Brattin, Sara C.
Henry, Lana Kay

Holt, D. LeeAnn
Nguyen, Dominic N.

Stewart, Abel C.

Cum Laude

Grade point average 3.70 to 3.79

Beck, Summer N.
Bridgewater, Mendy
Fay, Laura Diane
Frisbie, Susie A.
Hart, Lisa Faye

Hawkins, Shanna L.
Hurlbut, Jeff R.
Leatherman, Steven Ray
McKinney, Carla Jean

Palmer, Brenda J.
Roach, Bobby G.
Wirth, Brian J.
Wolff, Lacey M.

Associate Degrees

First Honors

Grade point average 3.90 or above

Cortez, Jan Lynne*

Third Honors

Grade point average 3.70 to 3.79

Brattin, Joshua Lynn
Roach, Bobby G.

* 4.00 Average



School of Arts & Sciences

Bachelor of Arts

Albrecht, Lori Michelle
History
Webb City

Anderson, Bret Edward
Communications
Claremore OK

Atwell, Brandon S.
Music
Carl Junction

Barrett, Ryan Thomas †
Chemistry
Parsons KS

Bennett, Jr., Richard Wayne
Art
Joplin

Brady, James Alan
Political Science
Seneca

Chadd, Jeff Edward
Art
Washburn

Crites, Gary Allen
Political Science
Bolivar

Eaton, Todd Michael
Communications
Carterville

Frisbie, Susan Ann
Communications
Kirksville

Gurley, Steve Glenn
Communications
Joplin

Guzman, Rita Elena
Spanish
Monett

Hall, Sheryl Jane
Sociology
Joplin

Hamilton, Christine E.
English
Joplin

Hawkins, Shanna Lynn
Sociology
Mt. Vernon

Heidlage, Mindy D.
Theatre
Pierce City

Irish, Shawn David
Theatre
Joplin

Irwin-Black, Amy L.
Communications
Carthage

Kersh, Sarah Elizabeth
English
Joplin

Lawson, Bethany L.
Sociology
Joplin

Logan, Michelle Renee
Art
Carthage

Maples, Krista Joy
Communications
Joplin

Meeker, Scott David
English
Joplin

Owens, Heather Jennifer
Communications
Joplin

Phillips, Heather Jane
English
Joplin

Roberts, Jennifer Marie
Sociology
Nevada

Rogers, Richard Stephen
Communications
Webb City

Salzer, Richard Ebert
English
Joplin

Walters, Kate Renee
Communications/Theatre
Joplin

Way, Jessica Harvetta
English
Joplin

Wilson, Laura M.
Spanish
Joplin

Bachelor of Science

Anderson, Eldon C.
Sociology
Joplin

Berry, Codi R.
Sociology
Joplin

Brattin, Sara Christine
Biology
Granby

Chew, Crystle Kay
Sociology
Carl Junction

Crosswhite, Kimber Lea
Sociology
Joplin

Elrod, Jennifer Ann
Biology
Joplin

Fay, Laura D.
Biology
Joplin

Harrison, Robin Stacy
Sociology
Carthage

Hodkin, Julie Mari
Sociology
Joplin

Horner, Debra Kaye
Biology
Miami OK

Loncarich, Frankie Lee
Biology
Goodman

Mason, Stacey Michelle
Environmental Health
Joplin

Moss, Nathan Vincent
Physics
Jasper

Nguyen, Dominic N.
Mathematics
Carthage

Palmer, Brenda Jo
Sociology
Cassville

Perry, Kelli D.
Biology
Kissimmee FL

Potter, Vanessa Jane
Biology
Carthage

Smith, Charles S.
Environmental Health
Neosho

Smith, Rebecca Marie
Biology
Aurora

Swearengen, Stephen James
Biology
Carthage

Tanner, Tina Marie
Sociology
Joplin

Thompson, Joe L.
Biology
Joplin

Thompson, Michael Paul
Sociology
Joplin

Voss, A. Christa
Biology
Joplin

Wilson, Teresa Fay
Sociology
Neosho

Wirth, Brian J.
Biology
Bentonville AR

School of Business

Bachelor of Science

Hedge, James Ray
Management Technology
(MIMS)
Joplin

Parrish, James Warren
Management Technology
Carl Junction

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration

Able, Amanda Dawn
Accounting
Grove OK

Baird, Kristen Marie
Marketing
Joplin

Beck, Summer Nicole †
Management
Neosho

Becker, Amanda Sue
Management
Joplin

Bourassa, Dana Danielle
General Business
Joplin

Bremmerkamp, Bill T.
Accounting
Joplin

Brooks, Misti Dawn
Management
Joplin

Bunch, Dawna Johan
General Business
Goodman

Bushnell, Scott B.
Management
Joplin

Buttram, Robert Michael
Marketing
Joplin

Cartmell, Destiny Dawn
General Business
Wentworth

Conner, Timothy Carl
Economics & Finance
Carthage

Copher, Rob L.
Accounting
Joplin

Crane, Stephen Wayne
Marketing
Webb City

Cruse, J. E. III
General Business
Joplin

Day, Sandra C.
Management
Neosho

Duvall, Amee Lyn
Management
Nevada

Eberhardt, Mauree
Economics & Finance
Joplin

Eggerman, Lesha Danelle
Accounting
Lockwood

Evans, Janssen G.
Management
Greenfield

Foltz, Derek Alan
Marketing
Joplin

Goettel, Deana M.
Accounting
Joplin

Gomez, Wendy A.
Management
Commerce OK

Greninger, Clay Montallis
Accounting
Joplin

Harrison, Aaron L.
Management
Joplin

Hinds, Rodney D.
Economics & Finance
Moundville

Hines, Lana Rae
Management
Joplin

Hogan, Jason Michael
Marketing
Joplin

Holley, Lori Lee
Accounting
Carthage

Holmes, Brian Scott
Marketing
Joplin

Hurlbut, Jeff R.
Economics & Finance
Joplin

Janss, Carl Lee
Accounting
Neosho

Jurgensmeyer, Tonya S.
General Business
Miami OK

Kennedy, Curtis M.
Management
Carl Junction

Kidder, Jennifer Fritzie
Marketing
Neosho

Manning, Janean K.
Management
Miami OK

Mickey, Jason M.
Marketing
Carl Junction

Moore, Ryan L.
Economics & Finance
Ash Grove

Mosby, Cheryl A.
General Business
Neosho

Nape, Melissa Renee
Management
Cassville

Ngo, Georgeson Hong
Economics & Finance
Carthage

Pefferman, Todd James
Accounting
Joplin

Pennington, Michael Ray
Economics & Finance
Mt. Vernon

Reither, Donovan Wade
Economics & Finance
Carthage

Roach, Bobby George
Management
Joplin

Staton, Kendall Leon
Economics & Finance
Neosho

Tauai, Shana Rae
Economics & Finance
Joplin

Williams, Laura M.
General Business
Nevada

Young, Daniel Lee
Marketing
Joplin

School of Education

Bachelor of Arts

Durr, Caleb K.

Psychology
Nixa

Epling, Angela Joy

Psychology
Washburn

Hill, Noelle Faith

Psychology
Tulsa OK

Lammey, Nicole Kay

Psychology
Carthage

Pease, Jennifer Jean

Psychology
Webb City

Presley, Rebecca Lynn

Psychology
Alba

Ward, Amanda Dawn

Psychology
Joplin

Bachelor of Science

Clark, Daniel Charles

Psychology
Joplin

Doubledde, Christy Lynn

Psychology
Springfield

Harryman, David Ryan

Health Promotion & Wellness
Joplin

Higgins, Michelle Marie

Psychology
Joplin

Hill, Alicia Michelle

Psychology
Carthage

Lowe, Jodi Michelle

Psychology
Joplin

Olson, Kimberly Dawn

Psychology
Lockwood

Oster, Cheryl Kay

Psychology
Joplin

Bachelor of Science in Education

Albrecht, Lori Michelle

Social Science Education
Webb City

Ambrosius, Angel L.

Elementary Education
Carthage

Augspurger, Bobbie Anita

English Education
Neosho

Bard, Stacey Lynnette

Elementary Education
Joplin

Batson, Jennifer Dawn

Elementary Education
Joplin

Baugh, Skeeter Kay

Elementary Education
Carthage

Blankenship, Diane E.

Mathematics Education
Walker

Branham, Ela W.R.

Elementary Education
Jasper

Brooks, Kenneth J.

Business Education
Carthage

Cole, Kristen Marie

Elementary Education
Joplin

Cramer, Shanna Dean

Elementary Education
Galena KS

Cummins, Jim R.

Business Education
Neosho

Dale, Mendy Janell

Elementary Education
Rich Hill

Deaton, Wendy Gail

Elementary Education
Grove OK

Doshier, Jennifer Kathryn

Elementary Education
Joplin

Eldred, Leesa Jean

Middle School Education
South Greenfield

Ensor, Brandi Sue

Elementary Education
Carthage

Gillogly, Beth Ellen

Elementary Education
Sarcoxie

Harber, Shannon Leigh

Elementary Education
Joplin

Harris, Kristen Lyn

Elementary Education
Republic

Headlee, Shana Marie

Elementary Education
Joplin

Heigle, Leticia MJ

Art Education
Joplin

Hicks Jr., Darrell Gene

Unified Science-Biology
Education
Carl Junction

Hinshaw, Shella Diane

Elementary Education
Miller

Holt, Debra LeeAnn

Elementary Education
Grove OK

Hubbard, D. Thomas L.

Physical Education
Altamont KS

Jones, Jennifer Lynn

Elementary Education
Carthage

Jungmann, John Eric

English Education
Lamar

Kinder, James Morgan

Social Science Education
Carthage

Kindermann, Wendy Sue

Social Science Education
St. Charles

Leatherman, Steven Ray

Elementary Education
Joplin

Logan, Michelle Renee

Art Education
Carthage

McKinney, Carla Jean

Elementary Education
Granby

Middick, Lisa Joanne

Elementary Education
Joplin

Perkins, Kristen Suzanne

Elementary Education
Monett

Reed, Bethaney Ann

Middle School Education
Lamar

Siebert, Jennifer Anne

Elementary Education
Carthage

Slinkard, Tonya Nicole

Elementary Education
Cassville

Sloan, Talana Dawn

Theatre/Speech
Communications Education
Commerce OK

St. Ledger, Ray V.

Music Education
Mountain Grove

Stewart, Abel Crispen

Music Education
Joplin

Tipton, Tracy L.

English Education
Afton OK

Townsend, Misty Jane

Physical Education
Cassville

Walker, Cameron Benton

Physical Education
Noel

Watts, Jodi Linnette

Elementary Education
El Dorado Springs

Wheeler, Charles David

Social Science Education
Joplin

Wimmer, Rhonda Jean

Business Education
Riverton KS

Wolff, Lacey M'Lee

Elementary Education
Southwest City

Yust, Jana Dee

Art Education
Seneca

Bachelor of General Studies

Guillory, Christopher Scott

General Studies
Joplin

Henry, Lana K.

General Studies
Neosho

Metzger, Merry Melody

General Studies
Lamar

Meyer, David B.

General Studies
Diamond

Moore, Teresa Diane

General Studies
Lamar

School of Technology

Bachelor of Science

Anderson, Jeremy

*Criminal Justice
Administration
Stella*

Beckley, Denise M.

*Criminal Justice
Administration
St. Louis*

Booth, Brian James

*Criminal Justice
Administration
New Strawn KS*

Clark, Jimmie Russell

*Computer Information
Science / Mathematics
Carl Junction*

Cushman, Pat Wanda

*Criminal Justice
Administration
Neosho*

Davis, Sarah Ruth

*Criminal Justice
Administration
Rocky Comfort*

Dean, Kenny Lynn

*Criminal Justice
Administration
Cabool*

Farley, Lucas Corey

*Criminal Justice
Administration
Joplin*

Frank, Nicholas Fonziarella

*Criminal Justice
Administration
Rolla*

Gann, Mark Alan

*Criminal Justice
Administration
Branson*

Gray, Julie Renee

*Criminal Justice
Administration
Joplin*

Hart, Lisa Faye

*Criminal Justice
Administration
Mt. Vernon*

Higgins, Mark Alan

*Criminal Justice
Administration
Jerico Springs*

Johnston, Shawn Franklin

*Criminal Justice
Administration
Webb City*

Lakin, Jami Kay

*Criminal Justice
Administration
Mound Valley KS*

McMillian III, James Virgil

*Criminal Justice
Administration
Cabool*

Montez, Manuel Joseph

*Criminal Justice
Administration
Joplin*

Morrissey, Jeremy Lowell

*Criminal Justice
Administration
Joplin*

Ostertag, Matthew John

*Criminal Justice
Administration
Joplin*

Ralston, Stephenie Leanne

*Criminal Justice
Administration
Joplin*

Rhodes, Zoe Danielle

*Criminal Justice
Administration
Monett*

Richmond, Jared Bill

*Criminal Justice
Administration
Goodman*

Samuels, Katonya J.

*Criminal Justice
Administration
Mansfield, LA*

Sandberg, Sarah Elizabeth

*Criminal Justice
Administration
Steeleville*

Scott, Angela June

*Criminal Justice
Administration
Bernice OK*

Shipman, Heather Anne

*Criminal Justice
Administration
Webb City*

Strohl, Kathleen Margaret

*Criminal Justice
Administration
Neosho*

Taylor, Cassandra D.

*Criminal Justice
Administration
Joplin*

Valentine, Mark Edward

*Computer Information Science
Joplin*

Vogel, Aaron M.

*Criminal Justice
Administration
Springfield*

Wales, John Duwayne

*Criminal Justice
Administration
Webb City*

Weaver, Kelli Dawn

*Criminal Justice
Administration
Joplin*

Wolf, Kathleen Alene

*Criminal Justice
Administration
Joplin*

Young, Brent

*Criminal Justice
Administration
Carthage*

Yust, Marty Joseph

*Criminal Justice
Administration
Neosho*

Associate of Arts

Eggerman, Devon Lance

*General Studies
Joplin*

Herald, Nadine Louise

*General Studies
Cassville*

Mai, Roxanne Kay

*General Studies
Augusta KS*

Nichols, Stephanie Dawn

*General Studies
Webb City*

Ruth, Connie Sue

*General Studies
Neosho*

Williams, Kristie Lynn

*General Studies
Joplin*

Wingert, Sharon Ann

*General Studies
Golden City*

Associate of Science

Anderson, Jeremy
Law Enforcement
Stella

Beckley, Denise M.
Law Enforcement
St. Louis

Booth, Brian James
Law Enforcement
New Strawn KS

Brattin, Joshua Lynn
Pre-Engineering
Carthage

Brown, Kevin Lee
Law Enforcement
Joplin

Brownlee, R. Scott
General Business
Carthage

Burks, Dawn Michele
General Business
Mt. Vernon

Carver, Alissa LeAnn
General Business
Webb City

Clayton, Kent William
Law Enforcement
Joplin

Cortez, Janice Lynne
Accounting
Carthage

Crites, Gary Allen
General Business
Bolivar

Cushman, Pat Wanda
Law Enforcement
Neosho

Davis, Sarah Ruth
Law Enforcement
Rocky Comfort

Dean, Kenny Lynn
Law Enforcement
Cabool

Farley, Lucas Corey
Law Enforcement
Joplin

Frank, Nicholas Fonziarella
Law Enforcement
Rolla

Fuchs, Errick Allen
Computer Information Science
Wyandotte OK

Gann, Mark Alan
Law Enforcement
Branson

Gray, Julie Renee
Law Enforcement
Joplin

Hedge, James Ray
Computer Assisted
Manufacturing Technology
Joplin

Higgins, Mark Alan
Law Enforcement
Jerico Springs

Holliday, Jason W.
Computer Aided Drafting &
Design
Joplin

Hollingshead, Donald Allen
Law Enforcement
Joplin

Hornback, Kelly Lynn
General Business
Joplin

Johnston, Shawn Franklin
Law Enforcement
Webb City

Kliewer, Micheal Ross
Law Enforcement
Fort Scott KS

Kocks, Jason M.
Computer Aided Drafting &
Design
Rogers AR

Kuehl, Shawnte L.
Computer Information Science
Carl Junction

Lakin, Jami Kay
Law Enforcement
Mound Valley KS

Loomis Miller, Melissa K.
Computer Information Science
Carthage

McMillian III, James Virgil
Law Enforcement
Cabool

Mitchell, Kamie Jo
Respiratory Therapy
Blue Mound KS

Montez, Manuel Joseph
Law Enforcement
Joplin

Morris, Bryce D.
Computer Aided Drafting &
Design
Carthage

Ostertag, Matthew John
Law Enforcement/Computer
Information Systems
Joplin

Ralston, Stephenie Leanne
Law Enforcement
Joplin

Roach, Bobby George
Accounting
Joplin

Rothwell, Peter J.
Law Enforcement
Rolla

Samuels, Katonya J.
Law Enforcement
Mansfield, LA

Sandberg, Sarah Elizabeth
Law Enforcement
Steelville

Scott, Angela June
Law Enforcement
Bernice OK

Shelly, Chase Thomas
Computer Aided Drafting
& Design
Carthage

Shipman, Heather Anne
Law Enforcement
Webb City

Smith, Timothy Dean
Respiratory Therapy
Chetopa KS

Staton, Kendall Leon
Computer Information Science
Joplin

Strohl, Kathleen Margaret
Law Enforcement
Neosho

Taylor, Cassandra D.
Law Enforcement
Joplin

Vogel, Aaron M.
Law Enforcement
Springfield

Wales, John Duwayne
Law Enforcement
Webb City

Weaver, Kelli Dawn
Law Enforcement
Joplin

Wheatley, David Larry
Respiratory Therapy
Everton

Young, Brent
Law Enforcement
Carthage

Yust, Marty Joseph
Law Enforcement
Neosho

Academic Attire

As early as the twelfth century the first modern universities, at Bologna and Paris, were centers of European learning. The usual garb of the time, for both churchmen and laymen, was a long gown which was necessary for warmth in the unheated buildings of the day. Scholars, generally members of church orders, wore such robes and also hoods to protect their shaven heads. Later, Skull caps were worn on the head, and the hood became a cape which could be pulled over the head in unpleasant weather. The hood was also sometimes used to collect alms from the more affluent members of the community. As additional universities were founded, distinctive forms of the gown and hood were adopted by their faculties. Variations indicated various ranks within the institutions. Strict rules were published and in some cases punishment cited for tailors who departed from the authorized design.

The academic hat was a later development, adapted from the headdress of the ordinary people. Academically, it was originally worn as a symbol of the master's degree, and existed in various forms: some were round, some square and some had a tuft in the center. The flat, square "mortar board" of today originated at Oxford University in England.

Academic costume came to America in 1754 with the founding of King's College, now Columbia University. Styles became quite varied as they were in Europe, but in 1895 a group of American college and university representatives met to establish a uniform system of academic apparel for this country. This led to the establishment in 1902 of an "Intercollegiate Code of Academic Costume." The American Council of Education formed a committee in 1932 to review the 1895 code, which was again reviewed and revised in both 1960 and 1965.

There are today three basic types of gowns and hoods. The bachelor's gown has pointed sleeves and is designed to be worn closed. Recipients of the associate degrees wear gray gowns designed like the bachelor's gown. The master's gown is designed with an oblong sleeve, open at the wrist and with an arc cut away at the front of the sleeve. It may be worn either open or closed. The doctoral gown is of a full design with voluminous sleeves, and it also may be worn open or closed. Unlike the other two, the doctoral gown is faced down the front with velvet and with three velvet bars on the sleeves. These may be black or a color related to the subject of the degree. Thus, arts, letters and humanities may be white, business degrees may be drab or sapphire blue, education uses light blue, fine arts is brown, music is pink and science is golden yellow, to name a few.

The caps are always black, with a black tassel for baccalaureate degrees and a tassel of the color indicated above for master's. Doctoral caps usually have a tassel of metallic gold color.

The hoods worn by master's degree recipients are lined with the official colors of the institution awarding the degree. The binding and edging of the hood is silk or velvet in the color pertaining to the subject area. Doctoral hoods are longer and designed somewhat fuller, but the colors again are those of the institution granting the degree for the lining, and of the subject for the wide edging. There exists a small bachelor's hood, but generally it is not used in this country.